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Applicant: Hironori SUZUKI et al.

Title: ROLLING BEARING UNIT WITH SHIELD PLATE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the species of Group 5, Figures 8-13. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1-12, 17-18 and 23-27 read on the elected subject matter.

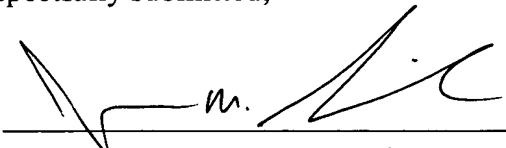
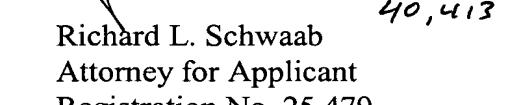
Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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